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H. R. 4144

To ensure the protection of natural, cultural, and historical resources in Cumberland Island National Seashore and Cumberland Island Wilderness in the State of Georgia.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KINGSTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Cumberland Island
5 Preservation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CUMBERLAND ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE AND**
2 **CUMBERLAND ISLAND WILDERNESS, GEOR-**
3 **GIA.**

4 (a) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR LAND EX-
5 CHANGE.—

6 (1) EXCLUSION OF CONVEYED LANDS.—If the
7 proposed land exchange described in subsection (b)
8 is agreed to by the Secretary of the Interior, any
9 lands to be conveyed by the United States as part
10 of the land exchange shall be excluded from the
11 boundaries of the Cumberland Island Wilderness or
12 potential wilderness area designated by section 2 of
13 Public Law 97–250 (96 Stat. 709; 16 U.S.C. 1132
14 note).

15 (2) INCLUSION OF ACQUIRED LANDS.—All
16 lands acquired by the United States as part of the
17 land exchange described in subsection (b) shall be
18 included in, and managed as part of, the Cum-
19 berland Island Wilderness designated by section 2 of
20 Public Law 97–250 (96 Stat. 709; 16 U.S.C. 1132
21 note). Upon acquisition of the lands, the Secretary
22 of the Interior shall adjust the boundaries of the
23 Cumberland Island Wilderness to include the ac-
24 quired lands.

25 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND EXCHANGE.—The land
26 exchange referred to in subsection (a) is a land exchange

1 with regard to Cumberland Island National Seashore,
2 which is established under Public Law 92–536 (16 U.S.C.
3 459i et seq.), and Cumberland Island Wilderness that is
4 being negotiated by the Secretary of the Interior with the
5 Nature Conservancy and High Point, Inc., for the purpose
6 of acquiring privately owned lands on Cumberland Island,
7 which have substantial wilderness characteristics, in ex-
8 change for Federal lands located at the north end of the
9 island.

10 (c) TREATMENT OF MAIN ROAD.—

11 (1) FINDINGS.—The main road at Cumberland
12 Island National Seashore is included on the register
13 of national historic places. The continued existence
14 and use of the main road, as well as a spur road
15 that provides access to Plum Orchard mansion at
16 Cumberland Island National Seashore, is necessary
17 for maintenance and access to the natural, cultural,
18 and historical resources of Cumberland Island Na-
19 tional Seashore. The inclusion of these roads both on
20 the register of national historic places and in the
21 Cumberland Island Wilderness or potential wilder-
22 ness area is incompatible and causes competing
23 mandates on the Secretary of the Interior for man-
24 agement.

1 (2) EXCLUSION FROM WILDERNESS.—The main
2 road on Cumberland Island (as described on the reg-
3 ister of national historic places), the spur road that
4 provides access to Plum Orchard mansion, and such
5 limited area on each side of these roads as the Sec-
6 retary of the Interior considers necessary, are hereby
7 excluded from the boundaries of the Cumberland Is-
8 land Wilderness and the potential wilderness area
9 designated by section 2 of Public Law 97–250 (96
10 Stat. 709; 16 U.S.C. 1132 note).

11 (3) EFFECT OF EXCLUSION.—Nothing in this
12 subsection shall be construed to affect the inclusion
13 of the main road on the register of national historic
14 places or the authority of the Secretary of the Inte-
15 rior to impose reasonable restrictions on the use of
16 the main road or spur road to minimize any adverse
17 impacts on the Cumberland Island Wilderness or po-
18 tential wilderness area.

19 (d) RESTORATION OF PLUM ORCHARD MANSION.—

20 (1) RESTORATION REQUIRED.—Using funds ap-
21 propriated pursuant to the authorization of appro-
22 priations in paragraph (4), the Secretary of the In-
23 terior shall restore Plum Orchard mansion at Cum-
24 berland Island National Seashore so that the condi-
25 tion of the restored mansion is at least equal to the

1 condition of the mansion when it was donated to the
2 United States. The Secretary may also accept dona-
3 tions of money and in-kind contributions for the
4 purpose of restoring the mansion.

5 (2) SUBSEQUENT MAINTENANCE.—The Sec-
6 retary of the Interior shall endeavor to enter into an
7 agreement with public and private persons to provide
8 for the maintenance of Plum Orchard mansion fol-
9 lowing its restoration.

10 (3) RESTORATION PLAN.—Not later than 180
11 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
12 Secretary of the Interior shall submit to Congress a
13 comprehensive plan for the repair, stabilization, and
14 restoration of Plum Orchard mansion to the condi-
15 tion the mansion was in when acquired by the
16 United States.

17 (4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
18 There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as
19 are necessary for the restoration of Plum Orchard
20 mansion under paragraph (1).

21 (e) ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC SITES.—The
22 Secretary of the Interior shall identify, document, and pro-
23 tect archaeological sites located on Federal land within
24 Cumberland Island National Seashore. The Secretary

1 shall prepare and implement a plan to preserve designated
2 national historic sites within the seashore.

3 (f) DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL WILDERNESS
4 AREA.—

5 (1) DESIGNATION.—In furtherance of the pur-
6 poses of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et
7 seq.), a parcel of Federal lands within Cumberland
8 Island National Seashore, which comprises approxi-
9 mately ____ acres on the southern portion of Cum-
10 berland Island, as depicted on the map entitled
11 “Cumberland Island Wilderness Addition, Pro-
12 posed”, dated _____, 1998, is hereby designated
13 as wilderness and therefore as a component of the
14 National Wilderness Preservation System.

15 (2) ADMINISTRATION.—The parcel designated
16 by paragraph (1) shall be administered by the Sec-
17 retary of the Interior in accordance with the Wilder-
18 ness Act as part of the Cumberland Island Wilder-
19 ness designated by section 2 of Public Law 97–250
20 (96 Stat. 709; 16 U.S.C. 1132 note). The Secretary
21 shall adjust the boundaries of the Cumberland Is-
22 land Wilderness to include the parcel.

23 (3) EXISTING RIGHTS AND USES.—The des-
24 ignation of the wilderness area under paragraph (1)

- 1 shall be subject to valid existing rights and pre-exist-
- 2 ing uses of the designated parcel.

